REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the non-final Office Action mailed on July 8, 2009. Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-16, and 18 are pending in the application with Claims 1, 14, and 18 being in independent form. Claims 3, 12-13, 17, and 19 have been cancelled. By the present amendment, Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-16, and 18 have been amended. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

Claims 1-11, 13, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended the preamble of claims 1-11, 13, and 18, and in particular the preamble of claim 1 has been amended to recite a system having a graphical user interface for navigating through content. The system comprises a history panel for displaying navigation history data, and at least a first panel displaying a first menu of a content structure. The preamble of claim 18 has also been amended to recite a computer readable medium storing a series of programmable instructions configured for execution by at least one processor for performing a method of providing navigation through ordered content. The method comprises displaying means for displaying elements representing navigational history data in a navigations history panel; and at least a first menu of a structure in at least a first panel. Claim 19 has been previously cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the 101 rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 8, 9, and 13 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper form because they are improper multiple dependent claims. However, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on June 28, 2006, concurrently with

the filing of the application, correcting such multiple dependencies. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully submit that the objection to claims 6, 8, 9, and 13 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Shalit

et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,971). Claims 3, 12-13, 17, and 19 have been cancelled. The

rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-16, and 18.

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites, *inter alia*, as follows:

"...wherein the navigation history data is **updated with a reference to the menu displayed in the first panel** after selection of an item of the menu..." (emphasis added)

Shalit fails to disclose and/or suggest "...wherein the navigation history data is

updated with a reference to the menu displayed in the first panel after selection of an item of the

menu," as recited in independent Claim 1.

Shalit discloses an interactive user interface for a computer controlled system to

simplify browsing and navigating through information structures. The interface uses a split-pane

icon on a window scroll bar, or input and output icons on a window title bar. When activating

the split-pane icon by dragging a selected object to it, a new pane opens up displaying the

contents of the object. Where a first or second pane exists, dragging a selected object to the first

or second panels input icon, or dragging the output icon of the first pane to the second panels

input icon, will display the contents of a selected object in the first or second pane respectively.

(Abstract)

In contrast, in the present disclosure, and as recited in the amendment claims, the

navigation history data is updated with a reference to the menu displayed in the first panel after

selection of an item of the menu and the navigation history data panel is immediately updated and the navigation history is shown in the history panel (page 1, paragraph [0015]). In other words, the history data is updated with a reference to the menu displayed in the first panel. Immediately updating history data refers to a dynamic computing environment where actions are taken to update such data in a continuous manner.

Shalit clearly does not teach and/or suggest such feature(s) presented in the amended independent Claims.

Independent Claims 14 and 18 include the same or similar limitations to those of Claim 1, and are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentablity of independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) with respect to Claims 1, 14, and 18 and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 2, 4-11, and 13-16, are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons presented above for the patentablity of independent Claims 1, 14, and 18. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) with respect to dependent Claims 2, 4-11, and 13-16, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all Claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14-16, and 18, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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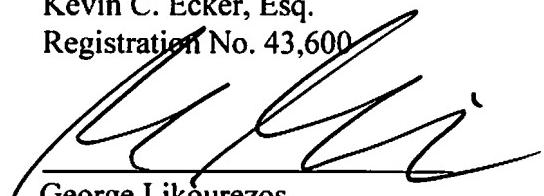
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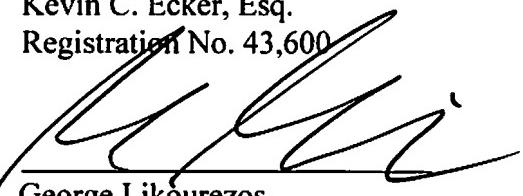
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